



Office of Administrative Services
FOIA Requester Service Center

June 7, 2018

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Dear (b) (6) :

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2018-000984), submitted March 29, 2018, in which you requested:

"[a]ll communications by political appointees containing any of the following terms: 1) Holdover(s),2) Turncoat(s),3) Leak*,4) Troublemaker(s),5) "Deep state",6) Embed*,7) Burrow*,8) "Clean* house",9) Cleans*,10) Cleaning,11) Loyal*,12) Purge*,13) Cheerleader(s),14) Sabotage, 15) "Obama person", 16) "Obama people", 17) Anti-Trump, 18) Undermin*, 19) Plant* and 20) Mole*. The use of the * symbol is intended to indicate that the agency will search for variations on that word containing any subsequent combination of letters, such that the search for "leak*" would return instances of leak, leaks, leaker, leaked, leaking, etc. Seeks all records from January 20, 2017, to the date the search is conducted (March 29, 2018)."

After a thorough review of the information obtained from the email data pull, GSA does not have any records responsive to your request. Even though the search did retrieve emails containing some of the keywords identified in your request, such as "leak" and "embed", they referred to a leaking pipe or embedding a video in an e-mail and therefore were not technically responsive to the actual meaning of your request.

Since the agency does not have any records within the scope of your request, this does not constitute a denial of records. You have the right to appeal the adequacy of GSA's search. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

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FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
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Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 120 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 219-3078 or by email at travis.lewis@gsa.gov. If you need additional assistance, you may also contact Ms. Audrey Brooks, GSA's FOIA Public Liaison at (202) 205-5912 or via email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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